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Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety Research and Special Programs Administration US Department of Transportation 400 Seventh St., SW Washington, DC 20590-0001 ATTN: Exemptions, DHM-31

Subject:

Request for confidential treatment for "Application for Renewal of

Exemption DOT-E 11993".

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 107.5, BREED Technologies, Inc. submits this application for renewal with the request for confidential treatment. In accordance with 49 CFR 107.5(a), the original document is identified as confidential. The confidential information is in bold print. Also, a second copy of the document is submitted from which the confidential information has been deleted. The justification for confidential treatment is described below.

BREED Technologies, Inc. requests that this application be treated as confidential in accordance with 49 CFR 107.5. Some of the information contained in this document is company proprietary and therefore is exempt from the mandatory public disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 [1970]). In accordance with 49 CFR 107.5(a), the original document is identified as confidential. The confidential information is in bold print. Also, a second original of the document is submitted from which the confidential information has been deleted. Public disclosure of the confidential information would benefit both our domestic and international competitors. The continued growth and financial security of our company is critical. With increased global competition in this extremely competitive market, any disclosure of the indicated material may seriously jeopardize the job security of our employees. The indicated company proprietary information has been part of our present success.

Sincerely,

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